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CHIEF SEEKS TRUTH IN OIL CASE

FREIGHTER IS SINKING; CREW SAVED

Mary Horlock, Bound for Orient, in Distress off Honolulu Today.

"CRANKY" SHIP LISTED OFTEN

Lumber Cargo Shifted in a Storm Causing Her to List, Water Entered Engine Room.

SAN FRANCISCO. (By the Associated Press)—The freighter Mary Horlock, a steel ship, weighing 2,549 tons, that was abandoned 2700 miles west of Honolulu, is reported sinking today.

The crew of the ill-fated ship has been taken aboard the liner President Taft, according to radio advices.

The freighter's lumber cargo shifted in the storm causing her to list so badly that water entered the engine room.

TACOMA. (By the Associated Press)—The Mary Horlock sailed from here December 21 with about 300,000 feet of lumber bound for the Orient.

A British tramp under charter to the American Trading company, two days before sailing from here she suddenly toggled to starboard at the pier.

The cargo was shifted however, and the ship straightened out, but the following morning she took a list to the portside.

Part of the Mary Horlock's crew quit the "cranky" ship before she left here.

\$2,000 Jersey Cow Dies At Union This Week

UNION, Or.—A Jersey cow of the finest lineage and costing the owner, Leon Levy, of Union, \$2,000 a few years ago, died in Union this week.

This was one of the finest animals in the United States of the class, and the loss will be felt keenly by Mr. Levy as well as the Jersey fanciers in eastern Oregon.

REGISTRATION RULES GIVEN

With the May primary elections growing nearer each day, many La Grande people have expressed doubt as to whether they have been properly registered in the past so that they may vote without re-registering this year.

According to the county clerk's office, where registration is taking place, all voters who have moved from their former precincts since they last registered, or who desire to make a change in their recorded party affiliation, or women who have married and are still registered under their former names, or those who registered and voted prior to the general election two years ago but have not voted since, must register again in order to be able to vote in the primary election.

Registration books will be closed on the evening of April 13 as registrations must be made 20 days before the primaries.

Citizens coming of age are also required to register.

La Grande Cagers Are Winners From Wallowa

La Grande 22, Wallowa 18. And the Blue and White teams are avenged for their defeat at the hands of the Wallowa high team last week up the branchline when they lost 19 to 18 in an overtime game.

This is the last game the two teams play on the regular schedule which gives them an even break with La Grande on the long side of the scoring column.

Until the final ball last night the game was slow and more or less uninteresting, due largely to the fact that the greater portion of the time was devoted to passing and

RESIGNED



Archie Roosevelt (above), son of the former president, resigned the vice presidency of the Union Petroleum company, the export organization of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation a few days ago, he told a Senate investigating committee.

FARMERS, BANKERS TALK WHEAT AID

PLOT TO OVER THROW GERMAN RULE UNCOVERED

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—An alleged Communist plot for the purpose of overthrowing the government was brought to light here today in a debate in the Finance committee of the Wurttemberg Parliament, according to Stuttgart advices.

REASSURANCE OF NO INTERFERENCE GIVEN ATTORNEYS

PORTLAND (AP)—Attorney General Van Winkle told district attorneys in convention in Portland late Friday that Governor Pierce had promised to send no more special prosecutors into counties without first consulting attorney generals offices.

OPEN DIPLOMACY MACDONALD PLAN; SECRECY IS TABU

LONDON (AP)—Secret diplomacy will have to place in the negotiations of Britain's new premier, Ramsay MacDonald, with foreign countries.

Mr. MacDonald intends that the public shall be informed of foreign negotiations whenever the circumstances warrant. He also has decided that the discussion within the cabinet shall not be kept "drum tight," as it is claimed in some quarters was the case in the Baldwin-Curzon administration, but that the newspapers shall be given a communique after each session summarizing the subjects discussed or discussions taken.

A. P. A. SOCIETY WILL DISSOLVE; FILES PAPERS

SALEM (AP)—Aimed Protestant Americans, recently organized in Oregon, late Friday filed articles of dissolution and stated that their intentions were to disband.

Wheat Quoted at \$1.03 and 97 Cents

PORTLAND (AP)—Wheat quoted on yesterday's market was hard white \$1.03; western red \$0.97.

Oil Lease Fight Looms

SALEM, Or.—How to get oil land leases executed in favor of the Willamette Valley Oil & Gas company out of court is the problem confronting a large number of farmers in the vicinity of St. Paul.

From that point on La Grande held the lead with Price and Coker contributing one field basket and Hummel two while Coker looped in two tries from the foul line. Wallowa was able to secure but two field baskets in the first half which ended La Grande 16, Wallowa 6.

In the second half Wallowa rallied and cut down La Grande's lead attempted offensives by both teams that failed to result successfully.

MINE BLAST IS FATAL TO 30 PERSONS

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill. (By the Associated Press)—Thirty persons perished in an explosion at the McCintock coal mine here yesterday, according to a check today.

The figures today show that two are still missing.

Eight are in the hospital here and two of them are not expected to recover.

The number of bodies brought to the surface during the night were burned beyond recognition. Attempts to identify the dead were unavailing.

The bodies of the men were buried last night in the face of the explosion. Clothing had been almost torn away and all were badly scorched, even the hair being scorched away.

The men near the entrances escaped easily, but those farthest from possible means of escape suffered from the full terror of the blast.

Union County Residents Gathered at City Hall This Afternoon.

Despite the fact that W. L. Thompson, vice president of the First National Bank of Portland, and G. M. Rice, president of the First National Bank of Portland, were unable to attend, the meeting of Union county bankers and wheat growers in the city hall was called to order this afternoon with a fair attendance.

Mr. Thompson, who was to have been present, recently spoke to a similar gathering at Bendleton, explaining the McNary-Haugen export measure now before Congress. His complete speech is published in the La Grande Evening Observer today giving in detailed explanation of the wheat aid bill.

The farmers and bankers gathered at the city hall early this afternoon with A. R. Hunter presiding. Arguments are expected to be put forth today on the different aspects of the measure, which is receiving widespread support in the northwest. The McNary-Haugen bill is the same one endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce a short time ago.

DOUKHOBORS TO LOCATE IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON

SPOKANE, (AP)—Peter Verigin, head of Doukhabor settlements in Canada, is here consulting immigration officials in preparation for the establishment of an experiment colony in Lane county, Oregon.

Verigin, who recently purchased 875 acres of land for that purpose, believes that the members of the colony can make a success of growing wheat, almonds and alfalfa in Oregon. Plans are being made to bring four or five members from the Canadian colony to the new land within the month to organize the work.

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Goes to Sacramento

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SKATING ON THIN ICE



NUISANCE TAX CUT OFF MADE

House Committee Settles on Tax Reduction Totalling \$103,000,000.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Tax reduction amounting to \$103,000,000 annually and effecting more than 20 industries were agreed upon late Friday by the house ways and means committee in its first major decision on the revenue bill.

Rate changes, repealing some of the miscellaneous or nuisance taxes levied during the war, were effected by nonpartisan vote in committee and included some suggestions of both the Mellon and Democratic plans.

Taken on these admissions of 59 cents or under and on beverages were repealed and the levies on jewelry and produce exchange sales were cut in half. Previous agreements to repeal the taxes on telegrams, telephone messages, leased wires and candy were confirmed.

Colidge Asks Support. While committee consideration of the income rates bills brought (Continued on page 5)

KLANSMEN GIVE \$100 TO CHURCH IN WALLOWA, OR.

WALLOWA, Or.—A group of mysterious hooded men visited the Christian church here Sunday evening, and short prayers, and then presented the minister M. L. Poole, with \$100.

It is now known here whether the organization is a local lodge of the Ku Klux Klan or was a branch of an order from some neighboring town.

Dry Chief's Tale Is Becoming Stranger

NEW YORK (AP)—William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, Friday continued his narration of the \$25,000 he obtained from a comparative stranger in 1912 and 1913, and added to his recent tale the name of another comparative stranger, to whom he advanced the expenditure of the gift.

Every ratification of the remarkable story was given in detail by Mr. Anderson, who was on the witness stand for the second day in defense of the forgery charge being heard against him in supreme court. Most of the story was drawn by the cross examination of Assistant District Attorney Peck.

A person named by Mr. Anderson as Henry Mann, as mysterious as John T. King, who according to the league head's testimony, Thursday, made him the \$25,000 gift, was the added member of the story's cast. It was he, Anderson testified, who spent the \$24,700 the league head said he advanced to the league in 1912-13 for "publicity purposes" and he (Continued on page 5)

JAPANESE ROYAL WEDDING IS TODAY

BULLETINS

Indian Tribes Meet. ROSEBURG, Or. (AP)—Representatives of 13 Indian tribes of Western Oregon met here today to consider plans for pressing claims for \$12,000,000 alleged due them for lands taken by the government.

E. L. Skelton, supervisor of the Sitka reservation, has been appointed by the governor to aid the Indians preparing their claims for presentation to Congress.

The Indians are also planning a huge gathering for Indians from all parts of the state, some time in the coming spring or in the early summer, probably at Roseburg. A three day celebration, to include Indian sports, dances and other amusements, is planned.

Income Blanks Ready Soon

SALEM, Or. (AP)—Printed regulations for the new state income tax law, closely following the federal law, will be ready for distribution about February 2.

Eggs 2 Cents Lower

PORTLAND (AP)—Largest and better quality on today's market. Eggs are two cents lower, now 39 to 35 cents.

JAPAN WILL BUY PACIFIC COAST LUMBER HEAVILY

SEATTLE (AP)—That Japan will yet buy heavily of Pacific coast lumber for reconstruction of devastated Yakohama-Tokio districts, laid waste by the September earthquake, was the word brought to this city by Major Everett G. Grieg, of Tacoma, and C. M. Clark, of Portland, lumbermen who arrived here late Friday on the liner President Grant after an investigation on which they left the United States in November.

WARREN LINCOLN CONFESSES.

AURORA, Ill. (AP)—Warren Lincoln today confessed he shot and killed his wife, Lina, and her brother, Byron Shup, January 10, 1923, and buried their remains after dismembering their bodies. The heads were found, as he described in a city dump, embedded in a concrete block 24 by 12 inches that he had moulded around them.

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Celebrates 59th Year Of Wedded Life

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen of La Grande Married 59 Years Today.

Fifty-nine years of wedded life! Occasionally a couple can celebrate a golden wedding, and less occasionally they both remain on the earth a few years later but very, very rarely does a couple celebrate their 59th anniversary.

But exactly 59 years ago today Mr. and Mrs. George W. Allen heard the wedding bells in Waukon, Alameda county, Iowa, as it was the day they pledged their vows to each other.

And today this couple are living in La Grande at 1515 Jackson avenue and are still enjoying life together. Many of their friends are tendering them congratulations today.

ENGINEER TO ADDRESS CLUB

Lyman Griswold of Portland, to Speak Before Chamber of Commerce Members.

Lyman Griswold, consulting civil engineer who makes his home in Portland, Ore., will visit La Grande Tuesday and will appear before the local members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce at the noon luncheon. Mr. Griswold will be the chief speaker of the luncheon although he has not announced his topic. He is an interesting talker and a large attendance is expected.

A. T. Hill will preside at the head of the table as chairman of the day. The luncheon will begin promptly at 12:05 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. hall.

BAND DANCE IS WELL ATTENDED; MUSIC EXCELLENT

The dance held in the Zuber hall last evening by the La Grande Municipal Band was considered a success by the large crowd who attended both the dance and the program that preceded it.

The band played a short program in the hall and then furnished the music for about one half hour for the dancing then giving way to a band orchestra that finished the evening.

Here From Editor. Earl Richardson, editor of the Sign Recorder, is in La Grande today on business.

Late News Flashes

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Lincoln's wife and brother could not be found and it was upon those two that Lincoln, according to the authorities, sought to throw suspicion for his disappearance. A few months later Lincoln turned up alive.

Later he dropped from sight and was traced through letters, arrested and made his first confession.

FRAUD HELD LIKELY IN FALL CASE

President Coolidge Believes Criminal Action May Be Necessary

TEAPOT DOME OIL PROBERS' PROCEED

May, Annual Oil Leases If the Evidence Produced Will Stand Court Action Necessary.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—E. L. Doherty, who testified he loaned \$100,000 while he was a cabinet member, informed the senate oil committee today he was willing to cancel his oil contract with the government.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The senate oil committee was seeking further light today on the relations of former Interior Secretary Fall and Harry Sinclair, President Coolidge asked the Interior department for expert advice as to the wisdom of the policy under which Sinclair and Doherty interests secured leases from Fall for the Wyoming and California oil reserves.

Coolidge asked for a report on whether the leases protect the government's interests or not. The inquiry is separate from instructions to the Department of Justice to ascertain whether any fraud was committed although the (Continued on page 5)

MRS. BARRIE PASSES AWAY

Death Came Yesterday Afternoon at Hot Lake at Close of Serious Illness.

Funeral services over the late Mrs. Grace Barrie, who succumbed at the end of a serious illness at Hot Lake yesterday afternoon, will be held at two o'clock from the Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon with Reverend William (Continued on page 5)

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